GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION OF FEDERATION OF MOTOR SPORTS CLUB
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recognised the Federation of Motor SportsClub of India (FMSCI) as the ruling body in India to grant motor rally licences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details about the huge revenue potential of motor sports in the country;

(d) the number of global auto manufacturers who showed interest in conducting motor rally in the country;

(e) whether the Government have provided any infrastructures for conducting International Motor Rally events in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, area-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. For the promotion of discipline of Motor Sports in India, Government has recognised The Federation ofMotor Sports Clubs (FMSCI) of India having its office at Chennai.

(c) The FMSCI has informed that Formula 1 race has high potential for generatingrevenue but so far no such race has been organised in the country. Efforts are however being made to organise such races depending upon various factors.

(d) The FMSCI has indicated that Maruti Udyog Limited has already been co-sponsoringrallies and autocrosses. Hyundai and Ford have also expressed their desire to co-sponsor motor sports events in the country.

(e) & (f) Under the Scheme of Creation of infrastructure & Assistance to National Sports Federation, there is no provision for providing financial assistance to the discipline of Motor Sports for such purposes. However, Government of India gives clearance for holding the events.